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Free Talk

Diarrhea 腹泻

Lecture vs. Seminar (讲座/大课 vs. 研讨课)

Zodiac 生肖

How come? = why

Sponsor v. 赞助 / n. 赞助商

Homework Analysis - Writing

Background??

- 1 I disagree with the statement that ~~no~~ nobody will buy printed newspapers or books in the future. While digital reading is becoming more popular, physical books and newspapers still have ^{offer} unique ^{distinct advantages} ~~benefit~~ benefits. → 更自然
- 2 First, many people ~~refer~~ prefer printed books because they ~~are~~ prefer printed books because ^{重要} they provide a better reading experience. For example, reading a physical book ^{例如: 不伤眼! BUT → 看书本来就要费眼睛, 所以不论看纸质书还是电子书, 都不能 "reduce"; 只看过纸质书没那么费劲} reduces eye strain compared to screens. ^{have shown that 为什么使用视屏更费时?} Studies ^{更确切: How? → more effectively} show that people retain information better when ~~is~~ reading from paper rather than digital devices. → "reduces eye strain" → causes less eye strain

→ VERY GOOD

3 Second, not everything online is free. Many newspapers and books require subscriptions or payments to access full content. For instance, major newspapers like The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal charge for online ~~articles~~ articles. Similarly, many e-books are not free, and people may still prefer buying a printed copy for their collection.

In conclusion, while digital reading is convenient, printed books and newspapers will not disappear completely. Many people will continue to buy them for a better reading experience and because not everything is ^{available for free} freely available online nowadays.

Introduction

1 → where is your background?!!! → With the rapid advancement of technology, digital reading has become increasingly popular, providing people with easy access to a vast amount of online content. However, despite this trend, ...

缺少背景

2 → ... nobody will buy printed newspapers or books in the future while digital reading is ... → ... in the future. While digital ...

完整句子不能用逗号隔开。而且从“While”开始，就是一个让步状语从句了

Body Paragraph 1

1 → 第一句话写重复了 → First, many people prefer printed books because they provide a better reading experience.

2 → For example, reading a physical book reduces eye strain compared to screens. → For example, reading a physical book causes less eye strain.

用眼就会有 eye strain 呀！所以只能说看纸质书不那么费眼，而不能减少 eye strain

3 → Studies show that ... → Studies have shown that ...

4 → people retain information better → people retain information more effectively.

如何 better 呢？Could be more specific

Body Paragraph 2 & Conclusion

WELL DONE!!!

其他表达：

电子书：

Digitalized texts

Electronic books / Digital books

Paperless reading

纸质书：

Physical books

Printed Books

Paper reading material

Poem

Blessing

By Imtiaz Dharker

The skin cracks like a pod.

a congregation: every man woman

There never is enough water.

child for streets around

butts in, with pots,

Imagine the drip of it,

brass, copper, aluminium,

the small splash, echo

plastic buckets,

in a **tin mug,**

frantic hands,

the voice of a kindly god.

and **naked children**

Sometimes, the sudden rush

screaming in the **liquid sun,**

of **fortune.** The municipal pipe bursts,

their highlights polished to perfection,

silver crashes to the ground,

flashing light,

and the flow has found

as the blessing sings

a roar of tongues. From the huts,

over their small bones.

Background:

The poem Blessing by Imtiaz Dharker is set in a **poor, water-scarce community**, likely inspired by slums in Mumbai, India, or similar areas in South Asia and Africa where **access to clean water is limited**. Dharker, who was born in Pakistan and raised in Glasgow, often writes about themes of cultural identity, displacement, and social issues.

Main Themes in the Poem:

Poverty and Suffering: The opening lines depict cracked skin due to dehydration, emphasizing extreme hardship.

The Value of Water: The contrast between drought and the sudden availability of water highlights how much people depend on it for survival.

Joy and Community Spirit: When the pipe bursts, people from all around rush to collect water, showing a sense of unity and shared relief.

Inequality → The poem implicitly criticizes the unequal distribution of resources, where access to basic necessities like water is a struggle for some but taken for granted by others.

Literary Devices:

1. Imagery (意象)

The use of descriptive language that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell) to create vivid mental pictures for the reader.

The skin cracks like a pod.

The small splash, echo in a tin mug.

The flow has found a roar of tongues.

2. Simile (明喻)

A comparison between two different things using “like” or “as.”

The skin cracks like a pod.

3. Metaphor (隐喻)

A direct comparison between two unrelated things without using “like” or “as.”

Silver crashes to the ground.

A roar of tongues.

4. Personification (拟人)

The attribution of human qualities to non-human things.

The voice of a kindly god.

As the blessing sings over their small bones.

5. Alliteration (头韵)

The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words.

polished to **p**erfection.

small **s**plash.

6. Contrast (对比)

The use of opposing ideas to emphasize differences.

There never is enough water. → screaming in the liquid sun.

Summary

To sum up / In summary, S+V ~ 总而言之, ……

总而言之, 心理健康和身体健康同样重要。

To sum up, mental health is as important as physical health.

In short / In brief, S+V ~ 简而言之 / 总之, ……

总之, 现在人们除了关心寿命, 还关心生活质量。

In short, people are concerned about their quality of life as well as their lifespans nowadays.

In conclusion, S+V ~ 总之, ……

总之, 我认为在不久的将来, 矿物燃料将被可再生能源代替。

In conclusion, I think fossil fuels will be replaced by renewable energy sources in the near future.

I have come to the conclusion that S+V ~ 我的结论是……

我的结论是, 对学生的努力给予奖励比对他们的成绩给予奖励更重要。

I have come to the conclusion that it is more important to give students prizes for their efforts than for their grades.

New Writing Task - In-class Practising

Write about the following topic:

Some people say that music is a good way of bringing people of different cultures and ages together.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 180 words.

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Introduction:

BACKGROUND!!!

Body Paragraph 1:

Music is one of the most significant ways to bring people with different cultural backgrounds together.

Language/tradition/history/spirit

Body Paragraph 2:

In addition, music also helps bridge the gap between generations.

Emotional responses to melodies...

Common topics/common ground for interaction...

Conclusion:

Homework - OPINION ESSAY

Continue working on the writing topic from the class discussion.

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Poem Analysis

Living Space

By Imtiaz Dharker

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|---|---|
| There are just not enough straight lines. That is the problem. Nothing is flat or parallel. Beams balance crookedly on supports thrust off the vertical. Nails clutch at open seams. The whole structure leans dangerously towards the miraculous. Into this rough frame, | someone has squeezed a living space and even dared to place these eggs in a wire basket, fragile curves of white hung out over the dark edge of a slanted universe, gathering the light into themselves, as if they were the bright, thin walls of faith. |
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Choose three sentences from the poem. Identify the literary device used in each sentence and explain how it helps the author convey the central theme of poverty. Highlight the key words, explain their meaning, and discuss their effect.

1...

2...

3...